



Columbia Heights Police Department

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Columbia Heights Police Department (CHPD) Cautions Residents to be Aware of Holiday Package Thefts

The CHPD has had numerous package thefts occur throughout the city. The packages are being taken off resident's doorsteps. While most of these thefts are occurring in the southwest corner of the city, some have also occurred in other neighborhoods. Some packages were taken from the residences while others were ripped open and the contents and package were left at the scene. An arrest has been made and those suspects are believed to be responsible for several thefts in both Columbia Heights and Minneapolis. If you have been the victim of any package theft or any of your packages have been tampered, please call 911 and an officer will take a report. If you have any information regarding any package thefts that have taken place we also ask you call 911.

There are several precautions you can take to avoid being a victim of package theft including:

- Have packages delivered to your work, or a relative or friend's house that you know will be home at the time of delivery.
- Direct the courier to drop the package off at your backdoor or somewhere discrete in your yard.
- Sign up for UPS "MyChoice Service" that allows homeowners to tell UPS where to drop off packages.
- Install a doorbell or alarm that alerts your phone when someone is close (there are several items on the market).
- Install a video with remote controlled door locks
- Put a note on your door that reads, "Package Delivery Please Ring Doorbell".
- When ordering through Amazon, use their secure locker drop off in Fridley or Saint Anthony.

If you are a victim, please use this advice:

- **Report every incident to police because arrests have been made that could be in connection with your theft.**
- Make police aware of any video or photos you have of any suspects or suspect vehicles.
- If any evidence is left behind, notify the police.

Please contact me at 763-706-8110 or amuseus@columbiaheightsmn.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Officer Museus